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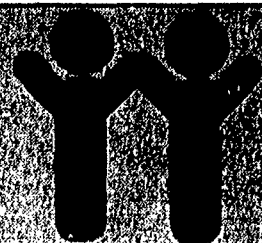
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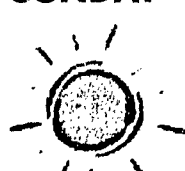
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POETRY READING

The guest poets will read their work as part of Northwest's Visiting Writers Series 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, in Charles Johnson Theater.

Joshua Marie Wilkinson, Mathias Svalina and Zachary Schomburg will be in attendance.

The Visiting Writers Series is sponsored by Kawasaki Motors, GreenTower Press and the Northwest Department of English.

STUDENT SENATE ELECTIONS

Student Senate Elections are taking place this week. Vote online on CatPaws.

ABBEY WALK

Conception Abbey's 12th Annual 5k Run will be held April 21 with registration beginning at 9 a.m.

Proceeds will go toward funding equipment and facilities in Conception Abbey.

Participants can pre-register online at conceptionabbey.org/abbeytrails/toc.htm. Registration fee is \$15 which includes brunch after the event and a T-shirt.

TODAY

Northwest Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Thursdays at the Union, 10 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

SATURDAY

Student Senate elections.

MONDAY

Intramural Tube H2O Polo begins, 7 p.m., at the Aquatic Center.

TUESDAY

Wind Symphony Concert, 8 p.m. at the Charles Johnson Theater.

WEDNESDAY

Basic Speech contest, 7 p.m., in the Union Ballroom.

— ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLING

ACES helps at-risk children



VICKI BROD, a first-year teacher at the Area Cooperative for Educational Support school, talks with her students during a break from MAP testing Wednesday morning.

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

The Area Cooperative for Educational Support is more than a school.

ACES faculty and staff collaborate with different agencies to access at-risk students' needs, provide programs for their students and provide continual support, ACES Director Debbie From said.

"It's good to have a collaborative team to help students get the services they need. We work closely with the juvenile office, Social Service children's division, Missouri Career Center and other private practices," From said. "These students are not successful unless they have support in all areas."

Twenty school districts from the Northwest Missouri area can participate in ACES,

Maryville Superintendent Vickie Miller said. These school districts have had a special education cooperative for the past 25 to 30 years. Last year the cooperative was expanded and ACES was among those added in July 2005.

Students kindergarten through 12th grade can participate in ACES, with each grade being on location, From said. The set of criteria for acceptance includes severe behavioral issues, credit recovery and students with mental health issues. Currently, there are between 44 and 46 students participating in ACES.

Some programs offered at ACES include credit recovery and Missouri Options, Miller said. Credit recovery is when a student needs to make up credits that have been lost due to low grades. Missouri Options is

a program that allows students to obtain a GED in a high school setting.

ACES have a wide variety of classes to meet individual needs, Miller said. Each student learns in a different way and the educators and agencies try to work together to meet the needs of students.

"If we had a program that looked just like the student's last program, they wouldn't do well. At ACES, we have different approaches to teaching," Miller said.

Even though the students have the option to take online courses or participate in hands-on learning, they still have to earn credits, Miller said.

Staff and faculty concentrate on core subjects and mastery learning, From said.

see ACES on A6

'TEMPORARY' Trailer Park



NORTHWEST STUDENTS walk past Mod 7, which is the worst condition out of all the mods on campus. Approximately 20 percent of the student body takes classes in the mods each day, and many students and faculty have complained about how long the mods have remained on campus instead of a building housing the classes.

Northwest administrators respond to student, faculty mod complaints with promises of classrooms in Wells Hall, Valk

By Shane Sherwood
Missourian Reporter

The floor is beginning to collapse in Mod 7. Mold is growing inside the classrooms, and rows of desks against doors violate fire codes.

However, Mod 7 is only one reason

students and faculty remain disgruntled over classes being held in what many call the Northwest "trailer park."

In response to concerns, the University is answering with talk about classes being held in Wells Hall for most classes that would originally take place in Mod 7, said Ray Courter, vice president of finance and

support services. This classroom will be able to house 60 to 65 students.

President Dean Hubbard cites freezing of state capital improvement dollars as reason for the mods remaining on campus for six years.

see 'TEMPORARY' on A6



ROCK BAND Hinder headlines Northwest's spring concert April 19. Papa Roach and Operator will also perform.

Hinder ready to perform

By Whitney Keyes
Chief Reporter

Pedialyte, PB and J, Minute Maid without the pulp and three packs of Marlboros. Those are just some of the requests Northwest is trying to accommodate for the upcoming concert.

Hinder, the famed rock group known for "Lips of an Angel" and "Get Stoned" will be at Northwest Thursday, April 19.

Along with Hinder, the show will include bands Operator and Papa Roach.

"Papa Roach is a little healthier, they want chicken baby carrots and liquid ginseng," said Campus Activities Director Kristen Alley. "They also requested gold toe crew socks."

Put on by SAC, this is the second year that Northwest has had a concert series. Previous acts include Switchfoot and Chris Cagle.

This show, however is the first sold-out show the University will host.

"We sold 1,000 tickets in the first day. For last year's shows, we only sold at most 1,500 tickets. This time, we have sold 3,300," SAC concert chairman Logan Galloway.

see HINDER on A6

LeClerf fills vacant city manager position

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

The "Borat" DVD on his desk, a toothy smile and jokes that bring the city council chambers to laughter say a lot about the man who Tuesday was made the city manager of Maryville.

Matt LeClerf has personality. "A significant reason (for hiring) is his personality," councilman Mike Thompson said. "His ability to understand how to communicate with this council is outstanding."

That personality has allowed LeClerf to handle his duties as assistant city manager and city manager since Mike Rietz resigned the post of city manager

April 2.

Since then, LeClerf has played catch-up on the different projects Rietz had been working on. Those include the streetscape project, the franchise tax issue and others.

How has he handled the double duty? So far, the council has been impressed, Thompson said.

"Matt is very good at understanding how to delegate and empower," he said. "He knows how to use the people around him."

LeClerf agrees. He gives credit to his support staff for helping him get caught up with the day-to-day operations and the different projects.

The different departments

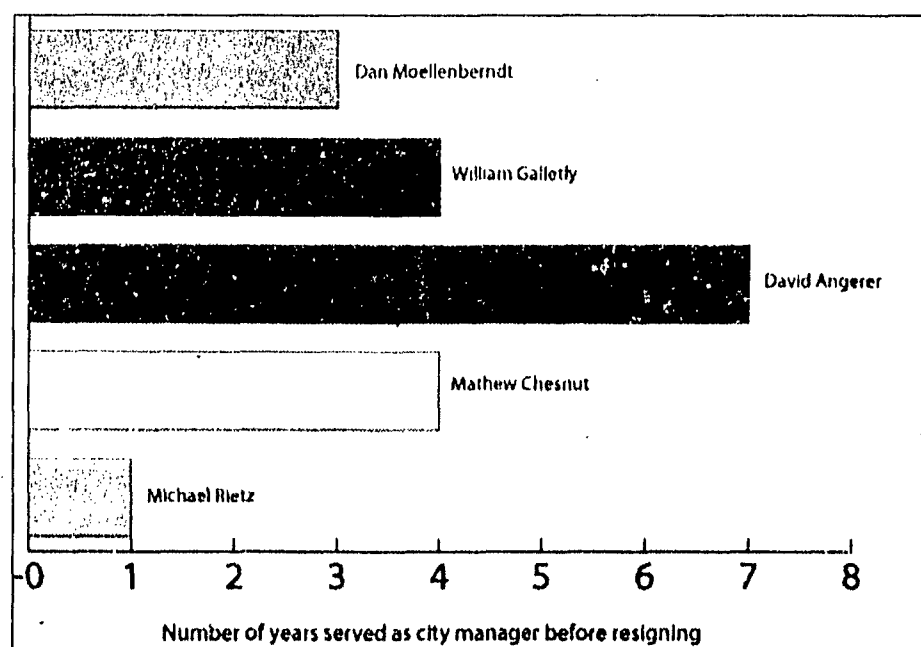
are capable of working independently from the city manager, LeClerf said. He has tried not to micromanage, which makes the task of taking on both jobs easier.

Working both jobs might be something LeClerf will choose to do for a while. He hasn't decided whether to hire a new assistant city manager to fill his old position.

"At this point that would be at my discretion..." LeClerf said. "We don't need both the assistant city manager and the city manager working on the same thing at the same time."

Since Rietz's resignation

see LECLERF on A6



CAMPUS

Wellness Center hosts opening reception

The University Wellness Center will host an open house to celebrate the merger of University Health Center and Counseling Center earlier this semester. The reception will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Wellness Center. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m., followed by games, food and prizes. Prizes include a Nintendo Wii, a video game console, an iPod and passes to the University Fitness Center. Those entered for prizes must be present.

Tower Choir, University Choral performs together

Tower Choir and University Choral, Northwest vocal ensembles, will perform a free concert together at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Any-one interested in viewing video performances and list of recorded selections by both choirs, can go to their Web sites at www.missouri.edu/dept/music.

Undergraduate research essay winners announced

B.D. Owens Library staff members will host a reception for the student recipients who received the inaugural Undergraduate Library Research Award. The reception will start at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the library's lounge.

Multi-bulb floor lamp possibly fire risk for residence halls

Scott Walk, health and safety manager in environmental services, issued an advisory for students who own a multi-bulb lamp comprised of five goose-necked extensions with colored shades in their residence halls. Heat from the bulbs can possibly melt the shades which have reportedly emitted toxic fumes and could potentially start a fire. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission plans to evaluate the lamps.

Proposal to require study abroad

Pending requirement for marketing, management majors draws criticism from student leaders

By Evan Young
Copy Editor

Spending time studying abroad is something Northwest strongly encourages its students to do.

However, for future marketing and business management majors, it may be something they have to do.

A new proposal from the marketing and management department would require all students majoring in those subjects to obtain three academic credit hours while studying abroad.

The measure passed through Faculty Senate 10-4 at its April 4 meeting. It will go before the Board of Regents on Friday, April 27. If passed at that meeting, the new requirement would take effect this fall.

Under the new requirement, marketing and business management students would have the option of going abroad during the fall, spring or summer trimesters. They can opt to travel with a specific study abroad program, such as Australium or the Magellan Exchange, or as part of a faculty-led tour.

The requirement would only apply to incoming students who have officially declared marketing or business management as their major, and not to current students.

Under extenuating circumstances, students can appeal the requirement before a department committee, but would have to partake in a related alternative.

Jim Walker, associate professor and the marketing and management department chair, said the department has spent the last three years gathering information and feedback from other universities in the United States and in other countries, employers and past and present students who have been abroad.

The bottom line, Walker said, is that being immersed in a different culture is a good thing to do. He said the experience helps students appreciate a number of different world perspectives, and also makes them more marketable in the workforce.

"It's hard to find someone who disagrees. It's rare when you find a student who studied abroad who didn't think it was a worthwhile experience," Walker said.

Nationally, Walker said there has been a push to send students to international institutions. He cited a report from the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program, which recommends the United States aim for an annual study abroad tally of 1 million students by 2016.

Study abroad requirements can be found on an international level, too. Egon Heidendal, a Northwest Interactive Digital Media graduate from the Netherlands, said most European institutions require business students to spend time in another country, sometimes for an entire year.

Walker predicts that, if the proposal is a success, the marketing and management department would eventually be sending over 100 of its students abroad annually.

Although the cost of a trip to another country depends on the destination and length of the stay, Walker said both the Booth College of Business and Professional Studies and the marketing and management department have secured and continue to search for funds to provide scholarships for students to study abroad on both local and national levels—even as the proposal is still pending.

Since the new curriculum change would take effect before Northwest changes its student course catalogue, Walker said the department would use freshmen orientation and freshmen seminar as mediums through which to communicate the change to new students.

He assured all students would somehow receive notice.

However, the complexity of the new proposal has drawn criticism and opposition from some students.

Student Senate passed a resolution of opposition to the requirement. The resolution contains eight pages of student comments. While some support the proposal, the majority of them are against it.

Senate Student Affairs Chair Andrea Garcia said she is not against the concept

of studying abroad, but rather the lack of communication between the marketing and management department and students regarding the proposal itself.

Garcia said students are being "sacrificed in the name of progress" and that, since the course catalogue represents a "contract" with students, changing it before it is officially updated in 2008 makes it an unfair move, unrepresentative of how students feel.

Garcia said students, the Senate's constituents, are mostly against this proposal, and she will include that fact when she presents the Senate's case at the Regents' meeting.

"We aren't done with our work yet," Garcia said at the April 10 Senate meeting. "I'm not going to let this die."

Walker understands the other side's point of view, but said those who oppose the proposal have not gone through the same research process the department has.

"We're doing this because we think it's the right thing to do for our students, and it truly is," Walker said. "That's our charge as faculty, our charge is to help them get the best education they possibly can."

FASTFACTS

■ The new proposal requires all marketing and business management majors to earn three academic credit hours while studying abroad.

■ The Board of Regents will discuss and vote on the curriculum change at its next meeting on Friday, April 27.

■ Supporters maintain studying abroad provides more benefits for marketing and business management majors than regular internships.

■ Critics, including Student Senate, argue that the marketing and management department has not effectively communicated with students regarding the change, and that the proposal is unrepresentative of students' opinion.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITYBRIEFS

City Council issues resolution on franchise tax

A resolution was passed Monday stating that members of industry in Maryville will be exempt from paying franchise tax. This decision comes roughly two months after this issue was first investigated. In January, the city council heard from an auditing firm that found an irregularity in billing by energy wholesaler, Aquila. The firm noticed that Aquila billed its residential customers extra to cover the costs of a franchise tax while it did not bill its industrial customers for the same tax.

The city council is taking a position that the original ordinance was not meant to include members of industry. City Manager Matt LeClerc said. The city drafted this ordinance in 1991 to help Maryville's industrial sector. This resolution takes Aquila off the hook for the roughly \$1.4 million in franchise penalties and fees that were not charged. See the *Missourian* next week for a follow up story.

'Girls Gone Wild' makes contest stop at The Pub

This Friday, "Girls Gone Wild" will bring the party to the Pub as part of its "Wildest Bars in America" contest.

Each week, one bar is chosen as a winner with bars being judged in categories including the hottest staff, best drinks, wildest crowd and overall fun factor, according to GirlsGoneWild.com.

Festivities will include the headlining band Townier, and opening bands Depressors and Gem State.

For months owner John Yates has been in negotiations with "Girls Gone Wild," and at one point, it looked as if the whole thing would never happen.

The doors will open at 7 p.m. with the band going on at 8 or 8:30 p.m.



FORMER UNIVERSITY English professor Carroll Fry works out in the Maryville Community Center's exercise room. The center hopes to add a second exercise space in order to fully accommodate the many users.

Community center expansion in progress

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

Waiting for a treadmill or stationary bike can be frustrating. Rod Auxier, director of Maryville Parks and Recreation, is trying to remedy that problem.

Over the course of the next year or so, Auxier hopes to add a second level to the Maryville Community Center—a facility built almost five years ago.

"Three years ago we started having people complain that we were really busy," Auxier said. "We didn't have enough machines to work on and our aerobics classes were expanding."

To get a better idea of how bad the problem was, Auxier sent out a survey, and the response was clear. They needed more space.

He began game planning to find a way to expand a building that has limitations to how big it can get.

"Due to the utilities and the lay of the land we're pretty much stuck..." Auxier said. "So what we looked at designing was a two-story level."

Adding a second level to the community center will cost roughly \$1.7 million—an amount, Auxier said, won't necessarily have to come from tax increases.

"I think we're leaning towards a capital campaign for fundraising," Auxier said. "Something similar to Donaldson but on a larger scale."

The expansion is aimed at giving more room for personal training, cardiovascular workouts and aerobics classes.

Joe Quinlin, exercise specialist, can see the lack of space affecting some of his clients.

"As far as one-on-one training with the clients, I usually have to work in the gym or they have to wait for the equipment," Quinlin said. "It would be more space so you don't have to be in the gym getting balls thrown at you."

The new space would also allow for privacy during the workouts, as some people are self-conscious about their weight, Quinlin said.

More space also means more room for aerobics classes, meeting rooms and perhaps the addition of spinning classes, Auxier said.

Problems with space began right away when the popularity of the center was double what was estimated.

In the first year, it was estimated that they would collect 500 different memberships. Instead, they collected 1,000, and it has grown to 1,700, Auxier said.

"People come for a while and then if they have to wait for a piece of equipment, or they don't get to work out how they want to when they want, they go somewhere else or don't work out at all," Auxier said.

MS Walk to raise awareness, funds

By Nichole Unger
Missourian Reporter

Jami Greene was an aerobics instructor. She ran a couple miles a day and loved being in the sun. All of the things that she knew and loved came to an end the morning she woke up and was unable to walk.

Greene was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2002.

When first diagnosed, Greene was told that she had 27 lesions on her brain. Greene is now down to two lesions.

While she is improving, others still need help. To help them the 19th Annual MS Walk, a program designed to aid in the research to help eliminate the disease, will take place on April 21.

"Any amount of money will make a difference in fighting this disease," Support Group Leader Cindy Biley said.

Greene is planning on attending the MS walk again this year.

"This year I have 36 people coming to walk for me. My best friend from high school Trisha Becker is traveling from St. Louis to support me," Greene said. "My 7-year-old son came up with our team name this year. He looked at me and said 'Mommy, why can't your MS be gone?' From here on out, when I walk, my team name will be MS-B-Gone."

The walk consists of both three and six-mile intervals with rest stops every mile for those who need a break.

There is a suggested \$10 donation, which will cover brunch to follow inside the Union.

Teams and individual walkers are both welcome. Both can raise money from other people or choose to bring in their own money.

Biley is hoping to draw a crowd of 183 walkers this year—raising a total of \$16,500. Last year, 163 walkers attended raising \$16,254.

"There is no age limit—we accept young and old. For those who don't want to walk, we have space to set up lawn chairs and just get to know people. The more support the better," Biley said.

The walk will be held at 10 a.m., April 21, at the J.W. Jones Student Union at North-

west. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Those unable to attend the walk that still want to donate to the cause can send donations to the National MS Society at 2921 N. Belt, Suite L1 St. Joseph, MO, 64508.

Multiple Sclerosis walk by the numbers
Last year:
163 walkers,
\$16,254 collected
This year's goals:
183 walkers,
\$16,500 collected

Officials discuss wind power

By Lindsay Jacobs
Asst. Features Editor

There may soon be a new source of power blowing into the Maryville area.

Construction could begin as early as 2008 on approximately 50 wind turbines to make up the Northwest Wind Energy Center.

Maps of the project comprise of roughly 8,000 acres and affecting 45 different landowners, who own land north of Highway 71 and west of 148, Eric Chamberlain, project manager said.

If this project is built it will be two times larger than any other wind farm built in Missouri so far, Chamberlain said.

The Wind Capital Group is the only developer to build wind projects in Missouri so far, said Tom Carnahan, founder and president of the group.

There is a competition with other companies, but those companies haven't been able to develop a wind farm in Missouri, Carnahan said.

Aquila put out a request for new sources of power, Chamberlain said. The Wind

Capital Group is competing with other developers to get Aquila to purchase energy. Carnahan said. They have to prove there is interest in the project.

Scott Heidtbrink, Aquila's vice president of power generation and energy resources said it is his understanding people from Aquila have been present at some presentations. If the Kansas City Power and Light Company's purchase of Aquila does go through Heidtbrink said typically they are required to carry through with the agreement. There is a potential for growth in clean energy, Heidtbrink said.

The energy could also be carried to another company, Chamberlain said. Landowners had an opportunity Tuesday night to listen to a presentation by the Wind Capital Group about the possibility of a wind farm.

If one or more wind turbines are put on a property a lease will be issued by the Wind Capital Group and paid by the investors. No investors have been named yet, but Carnahan said several are interested and will be chosen on how well their criteria matches

the Wind Capital Group's. There are other wind farms in the area, which include the Bluegrass Ridge farm in Gentry County, the Cow Branch Wind Energy Center in Atchison County, the Loess Hills Wind Farm in Rockport, Mo., and the group is working on a wind farm close to Conception, Mo., which will be complete in a couple weeks, Chamberlain said.

There has been cooperation between landowners and developers.

"So far on our projects we've had just a fantastic reception," Carnahan said. Those who attended had the opportunity to sign a cooperation agreement, which will allow wind studies to be done on their property and by signing it they agreed not to work with any other developer.

The majority of the cooperation agreements were signed, Carnahan said.

"I think it will be good for us, the landowners and for the community," Smith said.

Steps to graduation

Every year seniors struggle to find that last ounce of motivation in the weeks before graduation.

There are a lot of different emotions seniors have this time of year such as excitement, pride, sadness and fear said Kirsten White, counselor at the University's Wellness Center.

White recommends seniors talk with their support systems about their feelings, and they will find

others have the same emotions, White said.

Self-care is also something White recommends. Juggling upcoming finals and trying to spend time with friends before graduation, it's important for seniors to find a balance with their self, responsibilities and school, White said.

Taking one day at a time is also key, White said. Seniors should

focus on what they can do that day, and utilize resources on campus to assist them.

"I think it's that element of being able to live in the moment, I think is important," White said. "I think it would be easy to sidestep that because of all the pressures that are going on."

Here are some tips to keep students on the right track to graduation.

Steps to graduation for undergraduates from Nwmissouri.edu

■ Obtain a senior deficiency statement at least two trimesters before graduation.
■ Students can supercede a grade they get a D or F in by repeating the course to raise the grade.
■ The Registrar's Office should be notified if an undergraduate changes their catalog year, degree or advisor.
■ Change of local addresses and phone numbers should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

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Steps to graduation
By Lindsay Jacobs
Asst. Features Editor
A sickness is roaming the campus of Northwest. It's not spring fever, the flu or anything contagious. It's senioritis.

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Thank You
Campus Dining thanks our amazing student employees!
We appreciate everything you do throughout the year.

Chamber to celebrate centennial

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

It began as the Maryville Commercial Club in 1907 to attract and help local businesses.

One hundred years later, what is now known as the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce, is celebrating history and success.

"From what I read, it was dedicated to representing its members, promoting business and enhancing the quality of life in Maryville and the surrounding area," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lisa Luke about the Maryville Commercial Club.

Celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce will take place April 23-27.

A mayoral proclamation will take place at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 23, to begin the week's festivities.

Two events occur on Tuesday, April 24. An open house at the chamber office goes from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. live with 97.1 The Ville. At 5 p.m., the chamber will host a block party and barbecue.

Local stores will get involved by participating in a parade style storefront-decorating contest on Wednesday, April 25 with winners announced April 26.

Completing the centennial celebration week will be the centennial breakfast on Friday, April 27. The breakfast will take place at 7:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at 102 Main St. Missouri Sen. Brad Lager and

Missouri Rep. Mike Thomson, as well as local officials, are expected to attend and speak.

No different from its purpose in 1907, the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce is continuing its connection with the local community.

"Right now, our main focus at this point, we help support the businesses in Maryville," Maryville Chamber of Commerce President Larry Loghry said. "We work with the Nodaway County development to help bring new business to town."

Serving as an information center for businesses, Luke said the chamber benefits businesses in Maryville and Nodaway County providing assistance and opportunity.

Assistance plays a role with the Chamber when establishments reach a point of difficulty.

"We are what you want to call a legislative voice for small businesses," Luke said. "Anything that's going to impact the business, good or bad, workman's comp, for instance, was a big issue here a couple years ago."

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MYVIEW

Convergence worth the work

The very idea of convergence used to haunt my dreams and cause me to wake up covered in perspiration.

If anyone uttered the word convergence, I would cringe and my selective hearing would switch on.

At first, I hated the concept merging all forms of media into one. But then I started to enjoy shooting video and collecting audio.

But I wasn't going to let anyone know that. Being able to help tell a story visually wasn't so bad. It was nice to get away from a keyboard and mess with a video camera and microphone. It makes for good practice for karaoke when you're testing the mic.

But with everything in life, there is always a flip side.

From personal experience with my videographer or a.k.a. my roommate, technology doesn't always work with you. It likes to be stubborn and stick you in uncomfortable silence, while the your interviewee waits. Meanwhile, during the silence, you remember you told them you would only take 20 minutes of their time. Trust me, you feel like the biggest gapest maxims alive when that happens.

Heavy lights, dead batteries, burnt-out bulbs and all, convergence is still a key to keeping not

just newspapers, but all media forms alive. Online, Newspaper, TV, Radio—unite!

Look at the *Kansas City Star's* or the *Des Moines Register's* Web site. It's nothing but convergence. Newspaper, TV stations and radio stations have to join forces, in order to provide information for the public and to survive.

Some people, especially in the United States, only pick up a newspaper to save money on wrapping paper. While others, turn down the radio when the news starts blaring through the speakers or prefer to watch "Access Hollywood" over CNN.

Yes, convergence can be a thorn in someone's side, but every single newspaper I thought would be fun to work at has all media forms plastered on their Web sites. Convergence is everywhere.

So I've decided to embrace this thing called convergence. It's not the plague as I once thought.

I figure, it will look nice on my resume when I graduate since most people get their news sent via e-mail or on the newspapers actually Web site. The only one I pick up is the *Missourian*. The rest of my news is from online newspapers.

Whether, you feel like the idea of video, audio and a news story all thrown into one or not. Convergence is already here and I'm pretty sure it's going to stay.

Get used to it.

COMMENTS FROM NWMISSOURIAN.COM

In response to "Islam not that different?"
CC
Posted 4/7/07

Yes, it is fascinating to meet and talk with people who are peaceful practicing Muslims, not those gun-wielding fanatics the media seems to portray.

Yet, I encourage you to look deeper into the actual teachings of Islam and even the history of the faith system.

For example when Mohammed began his public ministry in 613 it started out rather peaceful, but he ended up spending over half of his public ministry and most of the rest of his life engaged in either raiding or full-scale warfare.

There are also a number of passages through the Qur'an that either imply or explicitly declare Islam to be little encouragement for peace unless the opponent completely submits to Islam (Surah 2:193, 9:5 and 9:29).

Also, in Surah 5:51 Muslims are strongly encouraged or commanded not to even be friends with Jews or Christians.

Mohammed also has been recorded encouraging revenge instead of peace and/or forgiveness (Surah 2:194).

Even in Surah 8:65 we have a recording that it is perfectly okay to kill people who do not believe Islam because they are "a people without understanding."

Islam also gives permission to lie and deceive, just as long as the practitioner performs some specific duties to Allah afterward (Surah 5:89, 2:225).

It is also taught in the Qur'an that Allah will lead and mislead whomever he chooses (Surah 6:125)... how do we know if people are being led or misled by Allah?

The Qur'an does not say. These are criticisms of the teachings of Islam from the Qur'an. There are many Muslims who do not adhere to every teaching within this book and who are genuinely wonderful people to consider friends and to talk with.

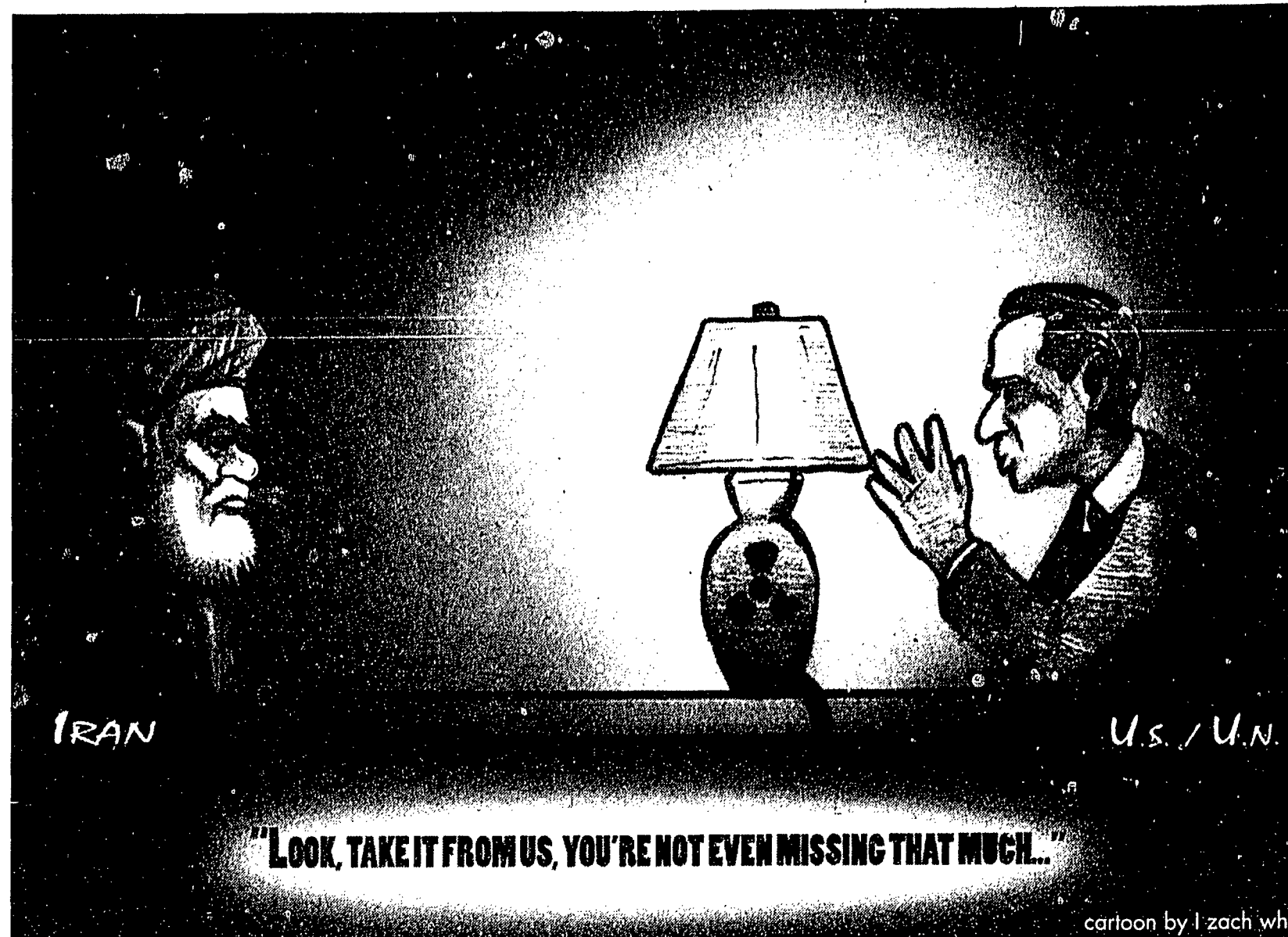
The difference between practitioners and the religion can be seen across the board. There are fanatics in every religious group out there as well as wonderfully peaceful people.

I do reiterate the words of the Muslim shopkeeper... read the Qur'an with an open mind, but do not throw common sense out the window... this advice not only applies to religious studies, but studies in general.

In response to "Cross country gears up for season"
Matt Needham
Posted 4/6/07

This is cool! Too bad I'm not on this page. I left cross country from being in it last year and then I moved!

Kristin Summers
University News Editor



MYVIEW

Editor relishes in spring cleaning

Ladies and gentlemen, start your vacuums.

While most loathe spring cleaning I break out my cleaning supplies with a smile.

I had an amazing time cleaning last week. I completely messed up my room just to re-organize it and throw out everything I didn't need or pack things to leave for the summer.

This spring cleaning was extra special for me. As the end of last trimester I moved in with one of my best friends. It was a roommate match made in heaven, except for the fact I've sort of lost my sixth sense of cleanliness.



Lindsay Jacobs
Asst. Features Editor

I love my roomie to pieces, but living with her has allowed me to have fun hanging out with her and not worry about what our room looks like.

Part of me is thrilled with the fun I've had this trimester having random movie nights, watching the Lifetime Channel like it was going out of style, staying up late working on homework together and the best part, random dance parties.

The other part of me is disappointed in myself for trading cleanliness for fun.

I haven't always been a neat freak, the condition hit me towards the end of my freshman year. My room became a social hangout, and I wanted it to look nice when my friends would visit.

I've never been offended by any of my roommates' cleaning habits, or lack thereof, but I like a little organization when I sit down to work on homework.

This last weekend was the perfect time to completely mess up the room and spring clean. My roommate and most of my friends went home to celebrate Easter. I officially started on Saturday when I filled two suitcases with the neatly folded clothes I probably (knock on wood) won't need the rest of the trimester.

I can't explain what glee I got

from re-organizing my desk. There is no sense of freedom like throwing away old notes for classes that aren't part of the degree I'm seeking or old scraps of paper with notes to myself scribbled on them.

There is also a ton of treasure to be found. All winter I searched for a purple fleece sweatshirt I got for Christmas. I only got to wear it once and felt stupid when I found it in a suitcase packed away with my summer clothes. I felt really stupid when I thought of everyone I interrogated while searching for its whereabouts.

Spring cleaning isn't just a way to get re-organized for the warmer months, it also allows things to be found you forgot you owned and get rid of things you no longer need and donate it to those who do.

MYVIEW

Gossip undeserving of media hype

This just in: Anna Nicole Smith is still dead, Britney Spears is still divorced and yes, the raccoon survived after falling off an overpass in California, Monday.

The deterioration of real news is becoming disturbing. I can't turn on the TV without seeing something about Smith, another celebrity or even something completely unrelated to news; in fact, a couple of Foxnews.com's top videos this week were about animals falling from tall objects—how cute.

People must like falling animals and not be able to function without this information.



Andrea Jones
Chief Reporter

This is the reason I am reluctant to watch TV news stations. I once had a routine where I watched CNN every morning while eating breakfast and getting ready to come to work and school.

At first everything worked out perfectly; I heard and watched the information that would directly affect me. However, day-by-day, the important news began to turn into mush. The top stories went from the war in Iraq to who shaved his hair or her head and went into rehab.

Not only has TV news changed, but news Web sites have changed as well. In addition to the interesting videos that are featured on Foxnews.com, one of its most popular stories for Tuesday was the pending release of DNA results for Smith's baby.

This trend has also affected CNN.com. Some of its most popular stories include Tobey Maguire and "Spiderman" movies and a "Laguna Beach" reality star being arrested. The stories toward the bottom of the popularity list include Iran's nuclear program and a bombing that killed 17 people in Iraq.

Something is wrong with this picture.

The blame for this change isn't on the news sites alone; the consumer is largely at fault for creating a demand for useless information. We have created the trend and creators of news have to accommodate

to our wishes. I have to admit that I like to hear about the demise of celebrities every once in a while. I also understand that everybody needs a break from the world's violence. However, should people really sacrifice potential life-changing information for entertainment purposes?

There are other mediums of expression out there for this kind of useless information. I believe that news sites need to stick to the news and leave the rest to shows like "Entertainment Tonight" or "E! News."

Anna Nicole Smith is dead; she has been for almost nine weeks. She is never coming back and we just need to let her rest in peace. Let's get back to the information that really matters.

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CAMPUSTALK

What's your biggest graduation fear?

Drug-free pledges dwindle over time

By Tara Adkins
Features Editor

Students walk off the stage with certificates in hands, red and black T-shirts on their backs and a lifetime pledge to be drug-free.

Horace Mann, St. Gregory Barbarigo and Maryville Middle School sixth graders will graduate from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program April 12.

However, research shows the program does not leave a long-lasting effect on students.

"Our students walk out the doors with the message and what they do from there, I don't know," said Joe Suchan, Horace Mann fourth grade teacher, said. "Many end up buckling under peer pressure."

The D.A.R.E. program, founded in 1983, strives to educate students, kindergarten through eighth grade. The program teaches about how to resist peer pressure and live drug-free lives through lessons plans taught by trained officers.

Students meet once a week for 10 weeks to participate in activities focused on self-confidence and making positive

life choices.

To graduate from D.A.R.E., students must write an essay on what they learned and develop a pledge for staying drug-free. But for many, that pledge fades over time.

"What it boils down to is that we arm them with the information, but they have to make the decisions themselves and some hold on and others don't," said Sgt. Jeff VonBehren, D.A.R.E. officer.

Studies show no significant difference between D.A.R.E. intervention and comparison schools that do not use the program in tobacco, alcohol or marijuana use after completion of the program, according to PubMed.gov, a service of the National Library of Medicine and the National Institute of Health.

During a 10-year follow-up study, researchers at the University of Kentucky found by the age of 20, experimentation with drugs reaches its peak. Students who participated in D.A.R.E. showed no difference in drug use than those who did not participate by the age of 20, according to the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology.

Although D.A.R.E. has limited effects

on drug use, it is efficient in developing social skills, self-esteem and attitudes, but effects decay within just a few years after completion of the program.

"Obviously high school is when big peer pressure comes in because of growth, rebellion and the need to be independent," said Linda Heeler, Horace Mann sixth grade teacher. "We need to intensify what happens to kids at these levels."

Despite the ineffectiveness of the program, D.A.R.E. remains popular in 80 percent of schools throughout the country.

"I think it's very effective. Both my children have been involved in it and when we sit down at home and talk, they know drugs are bad and their information has to be coming from somewhere," said Marshall Shell, parent of a DARE participant.

One reason for its popularity is the positive perception of teaching children about drug use. Whether through a program or through everyday conversation, raising awareness about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse educates children.

"I'd rather see it (D.A.R.E.) contin-

ued than not continued," Suchan said. "Education is the key to making good choices."

A second reason for D.A.R.E.'s popularity is how supporters compare and generalize participants to children who do not participate.

By doing so, many perceive most children who go through D.A.R.E. remain drug free, but the majority of students, whether in the program or not, do not engage in any drug use at all, according to National Institute on Drug Abuse.

"Although there have been negative comments of kids that don't go out and stay drug free, there still needs to be a drug education program and although it's not 100 percent effective, D.A.R.E. is successful in our community," Heeler said.

As sixth graders across the country graduate from D.A.R.E., some may easily forget their drug-free pledge, but some will strive to keep it during the peer pressure years ahead of them.

"I will try and help my friends in need and I will say no to any possible questions about drugs," said Megan Shell, sixth grader at Horace Mann and participant of D.A.R.E.

PUBLIC SAFETY

March 22
■Robert W. Zagleman, 33, Bradysville, Iowa, was arrested for failure to appear.

March 24
■Larceny of a Nexus Satellite Radio was reported on 1000 N. block Elm.
■Larceny of Silver Jeans was reported on 500 N. block Main.

March 25
■Larceny from a vehicle of a purse and cell phone was reported on 400 N. block Mattie.

March 26
■Irene Rodrick, 68, Maryville was arrested for property damage.
■Lost of stolen property of a wallet and contents was reported on 100 block South Hills Drive.
■Drew A. Byergo, 19, Maryville, was arrested for failure to appear.
■Larceny of a cell phone was reported on 500 E. block Third.

March 28
■Lost property of a wallet and contents was reported.
■An ongoing investigation of domestic assault was reported on 200 S. block Charles.
■Ameen E. Nour, 23, Maryville, was arrested for failure to appear.

March 29
■Jeffrey M. Walker, 21, Maryville, was arrested for trespassing.
■Kelsie A. Ivers, 19, Maryville, was arrested for MIP, failure to display lighted head lamps and zero tolerance.
■Katie R. Adkins, 20, Maryville, was arrested for MIP.

March 30
■Aimee M. Freeman, 18, Maryville was arrested for MIP.
■Lost property of a checkbook was reported on 1600 S. block Main.
■Vehicle damage was reported on 2400 S. block Main.

March 31
■Tyler J. Stanley, 23, Maryville, was arrested for DWI, failure to signal turn and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
■Sean P. Milligan, 18, Gladstone, Mo., was arrested for under 19 in a bar.

March 30
■Brian J. Burris, 21, Maryville, was arrested for DWI and failure to maintain right half of roadway.
■Colby A. Lock, 24, Hopkins, Mo., was arrested for failure to appear.

March 31
■Lost or stolen property of a black wallet and contents was reported on 1100 N. block College Drive.
■Edward J. Brady, 57, Stanberry,

Mo., was arrested for code violation.
■Loren L. Butler, 48, Maryville, was arrested for code violation.

March 31
■Matthew L. McCarty, 29, Maryville, was arrested for assault.

March 31
■A three vehicle accident was reported on Edwards and Main between Jorge A. Salazar, 35, Maryville, Gerald V. Allen, 35, Pickering, Mo. and Ruth M. Starnan, 42, Clyde, Mo.

March 31
■Brack T. Warden, 20, Nebraska City, Neb., was arrested for MIP and open container in vehicle.

March 31
■Brooke K. Shanholts, 19, Maryville, was arrested for MIP.
■Mathaniel L. Oster, 25, Hobart, Okla., was arrested for failure to comply, profanity in public and obstructing a public safety officer.
■Julia D. Ray, 19, Maryville, was arrested for MIP and open container in vehicle.

March 31
■Michelle M. Trester, 19, Maryville, was arrested for MIP and open container in vehicle.

April 1
■Larceny of an iPod and wallet was reported on 300 E. block Summit Drive.
■A simple assault was reported on 1800 S. block Main. This is an ongoing investigation.

April 1
■Lost or stolen property of a Missouri Driver's License was reported on 300 N. block Mark.

OBITUARIES

Bonnie Jean (Hooker) Welch, 70, Parnell, Mo., died Sunday, March 18, 2007 at Heartland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, Mo.

She was born Oct. 20, 1936 in Parnell, the daughter of Edward Joel and Margie Leslie Mayfield Hooker. She had been a Teacher and School Administrator in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri and was a Professor at Northwest Missouri State University in Education Leadership.

Dr. Bennerotte married Susan Genevieve Slader, July 30, 1967 in Fort Calhoun, Neb. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Parkinson's and Diabetic Support Groups, all of Maryville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother: Charles Bennerotte.

Survivors include his wife: Susan Bennerotte, of their home in Maryville; three daughters and sons-

in-law: Renee and Patrick Zerwig, St. Louis; Amy and Todd Andrews, Parkville, Mo., and Kara and Lance White, Wamego, Kan.; six grandchildren: Zachary, Mara, Ryan, Jackson, Grant and Talon; three brothers and sisters-in-law: Stuart and Sara Bennerotte, Minneapolis, Minn.; Wes and Cheryl Bennerotte, Woodbury, Minn.; and Brian Bennerotte, Eagan, Minn.; a sister and brother-in-law: Myrna and Steve Rasmussen, Cannon Falls, Minn.; a sister-in-law: Joanne Bennerotte, West Concord, Minn.

A visitation was Thursday, March 22, at Price Funeral Home, Maryville. Funeral Services were Friday, March 23, also at the First United Methodist Church, Maryville. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Maryville.

Memorials may be made to the Dr. Gary Pennerotte Scholarship Fund c/o NWMSU Foundation, 800 University Drive, Maryville.

Maxine (Gooden) Yates, 91, of Tucson, Ariz., died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007. She was a retired teacher. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 23, 1915 in Parnell, Mo.; the daughter of the late Ernest C. and Mertie (Jackson) Gooden. Maxine attended rural Morningside Elementary School and Ravenwood High School. She also attended Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville.

She was united in marriage on May 25, 1940 to Arthur "Doc" Yates at Parnell. He preceded her in death in 1998. They had previously lived in Iowa City, Atlantic, and Lake View, Iowa before moving to Tucson.

Maxine had been a resident of Tucson the last 18 and a half years.

Her survivors include: one daughter, Jennifer Yates, Tucson; one sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Harold McDowd of Weston, Mo.; one niece, Donna Sue Hardesty, Kansas City, Mo.; two nephews, Eddie Hardesty, Weston, and Timothy G. Milner, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Others preceding her in death were a sister Loretta Milner and her husband Ryland and sister-in-law, Wynema Knighton.

In lieu of flowers—Memorial: Arthur "Doc" and Maxine Gooden Yates Scholarship c/o Northwest Foundation, Inc., 800 University Drive, Maryville, MO 64468-6001.

Memorial Services and Inurn-

ment are at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 14, at Rose Hill Cemetery, Parnell.

Frank I. Szabo, 42, Platte City, Mo., died Saturday, April 7, 2007 at the Kansas City Hospice House. Born May 30, 1964 in New Brunswick, N.J., he was the son of the late Joseph Szabo and Elizabeth Gizela (Som) Szabo of Bonner Springs, Kan. He attended Faith Bible Fellowship in Atchison, Kan. He graduated from Delone High School in Hanover, Pa., and from DeVry University in Columbus, Ohio. He was a successful computer consultant and founder and owner of Albion Systems Inc., Platte City.

In addition to his mother he is survived by his devoted wife, Christy Rose (Schafer) Szabo whom he married on March 4, 2000, loving son, Zachary Joseph Szabo of the home, sister, Elizabeth Schroder, Bonner Springs, Kan., brothers, Joe Szabo Reisterstown, Md., Chuck Szabo, Columbia, Pa., Steve Szabo, Kansas, Ga., four nieces and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on today at the Danfelt Funeral Home, Maryville. Final Resting Place, St. Mary's Cemetery, Maryville. Memorial donations may be made to the Zachary J. Szabo Education Fund, c/o Danfelt Funeral Home or Kansas City Hospice House or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Kansas City.

He was a contractor for many years and the former owner of The Plant House, Maryville, and Myers Watson Florist, St. Joseph.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Evonne (Adams) Jones, whom he married on March 11, 1945 in Maryville, loving children, Regal Jones and wife, Winifred, Maryville, Jan A. Fisk and husband, Ronald, Cameron; loving grandchildren, Amy Willard and husband, Andy, Maryville, Jana Mannis and husband, Greg, Camden-ton and Casey Jane Fisk, Cameron; great-grandchildren, Taylor Willard, Baylee Willard, A.J. Willard and Lilian Mannis.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services were Tuesday, April 10 at the Danfelt Funeral Home, Maryville. Final Resting Place will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery with Military Honors. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

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ACES: School reaches out to children with array of needs

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They also try to align their curriculum to Missouri grade level expectations.

"Mastery learning doesn't allow students to fail. We keep teaching the material until the student is at an 80 percent level, until the students master the content," From said. "The focus is on the essential outcomes and the most important information."

ACES staff is a combination of a director, several teachers, paraprofessionals, a social worker, an educational support worker and behavior consultant, From said. The teachers are all certified with extra training in behavioral intervention and mental health.

Even though ACES is in its second year of operation, faculty and staff are learning constantly, always making adjustments and

facing challenges, she said.

"Knowing what we need to do, what students need and the communication to get it done is a big challenge," From said.

Despite the challenges faculty and staff face, the job is rewarding, said Grant Hageman, part-time teacher and assistant director. Hageman teaches two elective classes at ACES.

One challenge Hageman faces is trying to meet all the students' separate needs at the same time.

Also, some students that attend ACES haven't been taught social behaviors such as sharing and having a conversation, he said.

"These kids need more help, not because they don't want to succeed, but because of the situations they have been in. There are no bad kids, just bad situations," Hageman said.

HINDER: Students love, loathe big-name concert decision

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This year's concert series was set up fairly differently than last year. Rather than having two smaller concerts, SAC opted to throw a smaller event—the Back to School Bash—for free, and save up some money for a big blowout at the end of the year.

Galloway said the concert will probably always be the Thursday before finals, not only to accommodate the many departments involved in the show, but also to end the year with a bang.

"What people don't know is that it is really a community event," Campus Activities Director Kristen Alley said.

"We work with student services, the athletic department, SAC, Campus Safety, and many, many more."

Specifically for the show, Northwest has to order the stage, barriers and the lights. Not to mention, the catering, unloading of the equipment, set-up of the arena must all be arranged on top of scheduling the day to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Also, Galloway and Alley are making sure to accommodate the requests of the bands.

Northwest will try and provide the requests of the band, except for tobacco or alcohol.

That reflects the main goal of SAC and Campus Activities, to please the Northwest guests and students.

To achieve this, SAC has been working on the concert since the summer before school started. Even though they were considering Puddle of Mudd, SAC wrote a survey to be conducted at the beginning of the year. Prizes such as iTunes giftcards, or iPods, were offered as raffle prizes for students who completed the questionnaire.

"It was down to a percent between rock and country, and we thought that since rock is such a huge genre, we could do something without duplicating previous shows," Galloway said. "We listed some specifics, and Hinder was just an overwhelming response."

Northwest placed a bid a month after the survey, and Hinder accepted

in January.

"One of my friends is in SAC and told me Hinder was coming, and I just said, 'Oh yeah, you're full of it,'" sophomore Annie Cifer said. "I just really can't believe Northwest got Hinder to come."

However, SAC and Campus Activities are still keeping busy, finalizing contracts and getting everything into order.

One new thing SAC has to work on for this concert is their promotion with the Facebook group, "Hinder Rocks!" This group is sponsored by SAC, and is awarding prizes such as meet and greets, signed posters, and other merchandise.

"Our SAC group is really on the cutting edge of publicity and marketing," Alley said. "They are just really good at creative marketing."

The Facebook group currently has 439 members, and is gaining popularity as the concert is nearing.

However, another Facebook group is also collecting more members by the day—"Anti-Hinder Association." While this group is not as big as the

other, at only 52 members, the students are just as passionate.

"My boyfriend and his friends started that group and we all think that Hinder coming here doesn't say much for our school," freshman Molly Huber said.

Despite the dislike SAC has heard, the show has sold out, and the "Hinder Rocks!" has far more members than the other.

Even if students aren't happy with the choice of band, Galloway believes that SAC will be able to bring better bands in the future. By changing for the concert, Northwest is able to bring in some revenue, and build a better budget for the future. Also, SAC is considering partnering up with Missouri Western University, since the two schools are so close.

In the meantime though, SAC and Campus Activities are just focusing on providing the best show possible to Northwest.

"You just have to deal with a lot of things, and hope it turns into one cohesive show," Galloway said. "I probably look a little frazzled."

TEMPORARY: Some claim mods overstayed visit on campus; request alternate site for classrooms

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Nine of the required 42 general education requirements are held in the mods. Richard Frucht, professor and chair of the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department, said about 20 percent of the student body are in the mods each day.

While the mods, located on the east side of campus, were supposed to be gone six years ago, money was funneled towards renovations on the Garrett-Strong Science Building. Instead renovations remain complete, yet the mods still continue to serve as classrooms.

Many students are against having a "trailer park" on the Northwest Campus, said social sciences education major Anthony Hiles.

"The mods are just a slap in the face to the department," Hiles said. "The University cares about the safety of students. They have just put the mods over there to put off the problem."

In addition, severe weather can be a problem since there is not an advanced warning system located at the mods. Students must

leave the mods in case of severe weather.

"We are the only department in which we have to leave the buildings to find safety," graduate student Cody Toombs said. "It just doesn't seem right that we have to go outside if a tornado was to strike."

The faculty also has a problem with the mods during severe weather, associate professor David McLaughlin said.

"You don't want to be in the mods when any storm hits," McLaughlin said. "The worst place to be is in a trailer."

While weather is an issue, so are the walls holding up the mods. Lectures from other classes can be heard while taking a test for another class, Toombs said.

"It's hard to concentrate on a certain class when you can hear a lecture from a completely different class right next door," Toombs said.

There are currently four buildings, which house seven rooms. The first three buildings consist of double classrooms while the fourth building is one large classroom.

These are not the only problems that occur

with the mods. Frucht said heating and cooling could be an issue.

"Temperature is a problem," Frucht said. "It is either too hot or too cold. It is never in the middle."

It wasn't until recently that the mods showed up on the University map, but they are also completely covered by the No. 7 on the student planner, the number assigned in correlation for the key of the map.

Toombs has a theory of why the mods might not be shown on campus tours. Hiles also believes they are seen as the black eye of the campus.

"The reason the mods are not shown are because the University is ashamed of them," Toombs said. "They talk about how beautiful the campus is, yet the mods is just a shameful trailer park in the middle of the campus."

However, the Admissions Office refused to confirm or deny the mods being shown on campus tours.

The mods were not built for permanent use. Frucht and the rest of the department are

worried about this.

"The life expectancy of the mods is an issue," Frucht said. "At any glance, one can see the various problems."

Some people, including McLaughlin, think the University is putting other things above the classroom.

"If we are really a quality institution, it's time to put our foundation on the academic side," McLaughlin said.

The safety and respect of the students is also an issue for some students majoring in the department. Hiles thinks the department deserves better.

As of now there are no benefits to having the mods at the University campus, McLaughlin said. When the mods were first built, however, many students and faculty, including Frucht, saw benefits.

"They had benefits when they were for temporary use," Frucht said. "They fit the needs for classrooms while renovations took place."

While minor objects have been added to

better suit the mods, including awnings above the doors two years ago, said McLaughlin who remembers difficulty in getting them.

"We had to really fight for them," McLaughlin said.

Currently a floor plan for the lower level of Walk is in the works for the department.

The floor plan consists of six full classrooms: four large and two medium sized classrooms, and offices for the faculty. Because of the area being a lower level, outside openings and elevators would also have to be built to fit the safety needs of the building.

Courter said the plan for the lower level of Walk has been in the works for approximately 10 months.

"This is the first effort for a new space to house the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department," Courter said. "We've been able to build up reserved funds to help for the projects."

Courter said that the lower level of Walk could be holding classes in the new area within the near future.

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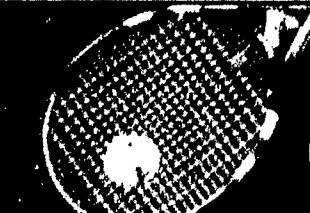
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NORTHWEST SENIOR Bayo Adio competes in the mens 100-meter run on Saturday morning during the Northwest Invitational held at the Herschel Nell Track located inside Bearcat Stadium.

Track sweeps invite

Berry, Henry, Adio capture titles

By Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

A record-low temperature of 21 degrees and north winds over 20 miles per hour throughout the day couldn't cancel the Northwest Invitational on April 7.

"It wasn't as bad as it could have been," said men's head coach Richard Alsop. "It wasn't raining and it was a clear day."

Schools established their team camps inside Lamkin Activity Center. Athletes completed most of their warm-ups inside before venturing outside to compete.

The Bearcat men's and women's track and field teams swept the team titles at the lone home meet for the first time since 1995.

With the less than ideal conditions, women's head coach Scott Lork was happy with how his athletes competed, finishing 97 points ahead of second-place Truman.

"I was pleased with where we were mentally," Lork said. "Things are going to be slower in certain instances and that's just the way it is, but I think we competed well."

Sophomore Emily Churchman won the women's individual title, tallying 34 points in six events.

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-MHS TRACK FEATURE



MARYVILLE SENIOR, Jaclyn Guess, is looking for a repeat performance in the state 100-meter hurdles competition. Guess, the team's only state representative last year, placed 15th in the 100 hurdles in the state meet last year.

Maryville senior hurdler seeks return trip to state meet

By Scott Levine
Community Sports Editor

Wind swirled around the onlookers as competitors ominously approached the starting line. Clad in tights and sweatpants, the athletes appeared ready for a blizzard, not a track meet in April.

Cleats clanked the starting blocks as the runners took their positions. The wind continued to gust as Jaclyn Guess raised her head in accordance with her fellow competitors.

An amplified sound started a stampede towards the finish line, with each runner hurdling down the straightaway. Focused on the finish, Guess's legs leaped over the lingering obstructions. Striding with her, the competitors could only hope for the field's frontrunner to suffer a setback only a year removed from her memory.

Getting started
Guess, a three-sport athlete, began running hurdles during her freshman season. Although not a state-caliber performer, Guess became the varsity's leading hurdler during the course of the year.

Coch Grant Hageman said Guess's work ethic attributed to her steep learning curve. "She's a hard worker and she's never satisfied or content with where she's at," Hageman said. "She found a niche in doing hurdles



JACLYN GUESS, the senior hurdler, is .05 seconds away from breaking her own school record of 15.85 in the 100-meter hurdles.

and she continued getting better at it, just like in basketball. She has kept improving and she hasn't peaked yet."

That work ethic provided dividends during her winter sport, basketball. Guess garnered honorable mention accolades for a team that reached the district semifinals.

Despite basketball's achievements, though, Guess said track's individuality has helped her improve more.

"Four of the girls can help on a basketball court," Guess said. "But when running the hurdles, you're the only one pushing yourself to do well."

But this season has been different for Guess in that respect. There has been something else pushing at Guess during her senior season, and it is directed from a freshman.

While an aspiring hurdler as a freshman, Guess looked up to senior Kelli Dawson. By copying Dawson's technique, Guess said it gave way to a better understanding of hurdling.

Now, it's Guess's turn.
Guess has taken over Dawson's role by mentoring freshman Jordan Stiens. And so far, it has worked beyond expectations.

"She's just a person I can look up to," Stiens said. "She challenges me, and I learn a lot from her technique."

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-MHS BASEBALL

Blackney blanks Dragons



MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND, Klay Talmadge, hits the pitch off of the plate Thursday afternoon against the Cameron Dragons. The 'Hounds beat the Dragons, 4-0.

By Scott Levine
Community Sports Editor

Thom Alvarez knows what kind of pitcher took the rubber for his Maryville team April 5 against Cameron.

"He's a gamer," Alvarez said after watching Matt Blackney throw a complete game shutout.

Behind Blackney's gamer persona, the Spoofhounds overcame early errors and missed opportunities to defeat Cameron, 4-0. The 'Hounds committed three errors during the first three innings, but managed only one error for the rest of the game.

"When Matt pitches, we shuffle our infield around a little bit," Alvarez said.

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-NW BASEBALL

'Cats split with Ichabods

By Sam Robinson
Chief Reporter

In a season where untimely weather has been the norm, the Northwest baseball team has persevered through the elements.

Last Friday, Northwest split with Washburn in a bitter cold doubleheader. The split moves the Bearcats to 18-16 on the season and 11-3 in the MIAA, which placed them second prior to Wednesday's action.

Coch Darin Loe is content with the team's conference standing out in eyeing bigger targets as the regular season enters the home stretch.

"We're sitting in a decent position," Loe said. "But we've still got 20 ballgames to go. It's time for us to get hot and solidify our spot in conference and move up in

the region."
Northwest stands at No. 8 in the Central region behind MIAA members Central Missouri (No. 1), Emporia State (No. 5) and Fort Hays State (No. 7).

Game one continued this season's run of resurgent Bearcat pitching. While the starters have been garnering most of the attention for the turnaround, it was the bullpen that came through this time. Senior closer Brett Whittle, who was called upon to pitch four innings due to recent under-utilization according to Loe, took over for starter Bret Harvel in the sixth and pitched four scoreless innings.

Shortstop John White's fifth-inning homer cut the deficit to two. Whittle's pitching held the lead when Riley and Britt Westman launched back-to-back solo shots

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—NW TENNIS

'Cats streak snapped

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Northwest tennis coach Mark Rosewell wished the matches weren't canceled Saturday because of weather, but he'll take Thursday and Friday's results.

Thursday, the men and women picked up wins against NAIA member Baker (Kan.). The men won 7-2, while the women picked up an 8-1 victory. Friday the men lost 5-3 to East Central (Okla.), snapping their seven match winning streak.

"This was a hard loss for us," Chris Smith said. "They're a good team, but we should have played better."

Smith picked up the lone singles win, defeating Cristobal Nunez, 6-4, 6-4. The Bearcats also picked up two doubles wins. Although Pablo Acebedo did not finish his match with Courtney Swartz, Acebedo was named MIAA Men's Tennis Player of the Week for the third time this season.

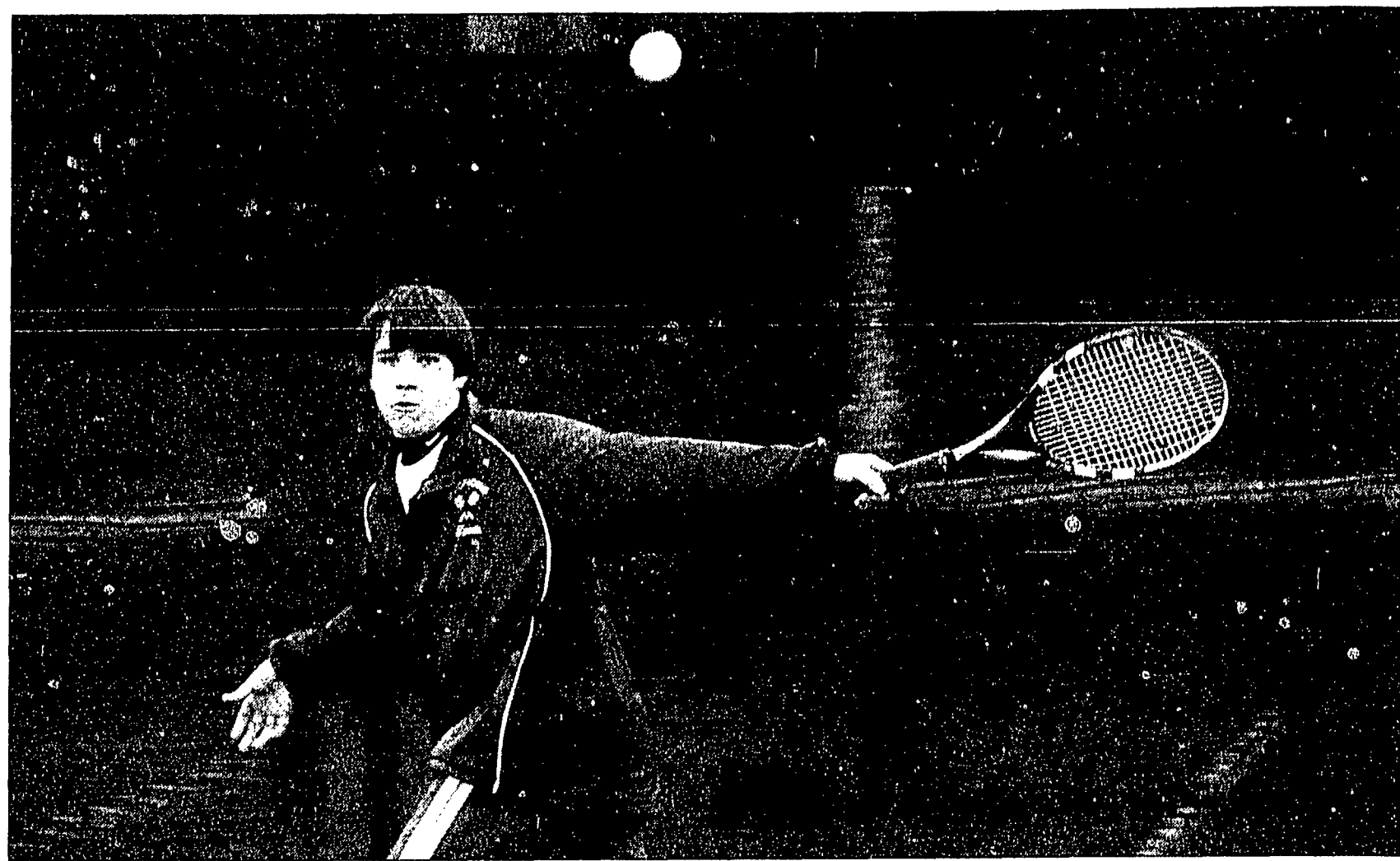
"They're a good team, but we should have played better,"

Chris Smith, senior

around," Rosewell said. "I thought we did a good job."

Wednesday, both teams hosted Washburn with implications. With a win over Washburn, the men can clinch the MIAA championship. While a loss to Emporia State, early in the season, put the women out of contention, a win against Washburn would help the team who sit at No. 3 in the North Central region. Results were not available as of press time. Log on to NWmissourianews.com Thursday for a recap.

—MHS TENNIS



(above) MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND senior Dakota Parshall uses his backhand swing to return the ball across the net to a Cameron player during Monday afternoon's match held at the High Rise Courts located on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University. (below) MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND senior Victor Muro serves to a waiting Cameron defender during Monday afternoon's match.

'Hounds open MEC with decisive victory

By David Lambie
Missourian Reporter

The conference season got off to a quick start for the Maryville boys' tennis team. The Spoofhounds easily put Cameron away on Monday with a 7-2 win, losing just one of their singles and doubles matches.

"Hounds coach Robert Veasey was pleased with the way his team played, and said his boys won the battle between two inexperienced teams."

"We're young, not class wise, but experience wise," Veasey said.

Although the season is off to a slow start, Veasey believes it is important for the 'Hounds to learn how to play against all types of competition, good or bad.

As the 'Hounds continue through the learning process, they have put a strong emphasis on learning from each other. Veasey noted the importance of his entire team to be at the same level and having a good balance will help push the team.

"It's always good to have your seniors step up," Veasey said. "But it's always good to have stronger competition on the team."

Veasey said a lot of the stronger competition is coming from freshman Anthony Groumouts.

Senior Dakota Parshall believes Groumouts is valuable to the team and is helping them get better.

"He's very talented as a freshman," Parshall said. "It motivates the rest of the team to know they can be good."

This healthy balance is something the team hopes will help them continue their conference success, and help them get better throughout the year.

The 'Hounds match Tuesday in Shenandoah, Iowa was rained out. Their next match is against Lafayette at 4:30 p.m. April 17, at home.



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—MHS GOLF

Battling the conditions

By Ashley Lovely
Missourian Reporter

Cruel weather conditions continue to keep the Maryville boys' golf team from grasping their first win of the season, but head coach Brenda Ricks is not letting the team get down because of their 2-12 record.

"The boys are always open for suggestions, they want to work hard and stay longer," Ricks said. "There are some that are struggling off the tee box and with the short game, but I try to tell the boys if you are having problems with one thing just keep working it out."

The 'Hounds fought the weather and ventured to Shenandoah, Iowa, to play in a seven team tournament Tuesday, which got cut to nine holes. Maryville placed fifth with a score of 184, just 15 strokes behind No. 1 Shenandoah.

"They fought Mother Nature the entire tournament. It was definitely a day of survival," Ricks said. "They were freezing to death the entire time, but I'm proud of how they played and placed."

Maryville's Zack Jackson and

Josh Hayes placed 12th and 13th while battling the steady rain.

"You can't control the weather; you have to play with the cards you are dealt," player Ian Alumbaugh said. "It's very hard to get control of the ball if it's windy or very wet."

A Trip to Cameron cut into Maryville's Easter break Monday. The 'Hounds battled Cameron and Chillicothe in a tri-match. Chillicothe came out on top with a score of 156 followed close behind by Cameron's 158.

The 'Hounds had a team score of 196, with Jackson finishing first for the team shooting a 46. Hayes managed a 48, while Alumbaugh shot a 49, and Luke Hendrix had a 53.

"It's not easy to shoot poor golf and stick with it, but you have to know that you are going to get better," Ricks said. "Sometimes you don't know that you are going to get better, even with the horrible conditions so far, I'm happy the boys are just sticking with it."

Tarkio, Northeast Nodaway, and Rockport will travel to Maryville Thursday to face the 'Hounds starting at 4.

—MHS SOCCER

Cardinals silence 'Hounds

By Sam Robinson
Chief Reporter

On a day where rain drenched northwest Missouri, the Maryville High School girls' soccer team was trapped on a water-logged field in St. Joseph and never found their footing.

As the rain gave nearly all of their fellow spring sport athletes Tuesday night off, the Spoofhounds probably wished they were in the same boat, as the St. Joseph-Benton Cardinals shut them out, 6-0.

Cocher Bayo Oludaja said the loss stemmed mostly from missed opportunities early in the game.

"It was a rough night for us,"

Oludaja said. "We dominated the first 15 minutes, but one of our problems was not finishing the opportunities we had. After that, Benton got back in the game, and as soon as they scored that gave them the momentum to keep going."

The 'Hounds executed well for those 15 minutes, making swift passes and taking early shots, hitting the Cardinals scoreless before the floodgates opened. As the half wore on, the Cardinals preyed on the 'Hounds missed shots, outmaneuvering defenders for three first half goals.

Following those goals, Oludaja said the team's mentality, coupled with the field conditions, made the possibility for a comeback a bit far-fetched.

"The lack of traction in the goal area contributed to it (the three goals). It was slippery, when the shots went in, it was like, how do we get back in the game," he said. "It was more of a mental problem than the ability of the players."

Benton scored three more goals in the second half to remove all doubt. Midfielder Ashley Blanchard had a good defensive game according to Oludaja and forward Alyssa Carmichael fired six shots on goal.

The loss drops Maryville to 2-2-1 on the season as they prepare for a busy weekend. Maryville takes on Smithville at 4:30 p.m., today, at Donaldson Park and begin the Excelsior Springs tournament against Platte County on Friday. Oludaja is ready to see his team realize its potential as conference play progresses.

"I think we have a good team that definitely could be better," he said. "There's not a doubt about it in my mind. I think we're going to get better, the talent's there. It's just a matter of harnessing those talents and getting them to walk in sync."

SPLIT: Ichabods avoid sweep in game 2 win

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in the seventh to tie the game at four.

"I had two crummy at-bats before that," Ryley said. "The pitcher left one up in the zone and I hit it out. Then as I'm going back to the dugout, the whole team jumps up and I turn around and see Britt's ball go out of the park. It was pretty cool for me and him to tie it like that."

Britt followed his blast with a game-winning RBI single, driving in Jake Bradshaw in the bottom of the ninth to give the 'Cats the 5-4 victory.

Game two began as dusk settled onto Washburn's Falley Field with temperatures more suited for a hockey rink than a baseball diamond.

"It was brutal. If it reached 40 (degrees), it sure didn't feel like it," Lee said.

Starter Danny Malone's slump continued as he allowed six runs in just three innings.

The Ichabods lowered the boom on Malone and the 'Cats in the form of a seven-run fourth inning, turning a potential Bearcat sweep into the team's fifth conference loss. White had a double and drove in three runs in the 9-7 defeat.

Northwest prepares for its biggest series of the season as they take on Emporia State in a twin bill Sunday and Monday.

"That's a home series and it's going to be for second place in the conference," Ryley said. "Hopefully we'll have some good fan support and go out there and play hard and do what we have to do."

Both doubleheaders begin at 1 p.m. from Bearcat Field.

DRAGONS: Timely hitting leads to second conference victory

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"It looked like we were anxious out there, and it took an inning or two to just settle down."

During the first two innings, it looked as if the settling down process was not quick enough. Behind one hit and one error, the Dragons loaded the bases in the first inning.

After falling behind 3-1 in the count to Zach Hunter, Blackney gave up a ground ball as Tyler Oglesby threw out Hunter at first.

It was the same story for the 'Hounds during the second inning. With one out, Blackney received a chopper from Joel Hane forcing out Cody Latimer at home. On the next pitch, Brent Seifert popped up to catcher Ryan Stiens ending the threat.

"I was pretty tired and just kept trying to throw strikes," Blackney said. "I just have to concentrate and try to keep the ball low."

Blackney cruised through the next two innings as the 'Hounds bats started to catch fire.

Maryville copied the Dragons' first inning performance by loading the bases but was unable to capitalize.

"We are really swinging the

bats well," Alvarez said. "I keep telling them that good things happen when you put the ball in play."

The team followed that advice as Oglesby and Matt Parker each reached base on errors during the third inning.

With one out and Oglesby on third and Parker on second, the 'Hounds once again came up empty handed.

That trend did not continue into the fourth inning, however. Despite stranding five runners over the previous three innings, Klay Talmadge belted a double driving in Cody Coulter and Andy Walter.

"Klay has been clutch for us all year," Alvarez said.

After Blackney battled out of another bases loaded jam in the top of the fifth, Coulter drove in two more runs with a double in the inning's bottom half.

Blackney tallied three strikeouts and scattered six hits over seven innings of work.

The 'Hounds mustered a total of four hits as Parker and Coulter reached base during all three at-bats.

After being rained out Tuesday, Maryville returns to action at 4:30 p.m., today, at Savannah.

TRACK: 'Cats nab three MIAA athlete of the week honors

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She set personal records in three events and won the long jump with 7-9 1/2."

"Emily Churchman is just doing some great stuff every week," Lorek said. "It's ridiculous how much she's setting personal records all the time."

Sophomore Hannah Henry also managed a personal record in the 100-meter hurdles, running 14.60 seconds. The time would have been enough to qualify her for the NCAA Championships, but high wind readings at the time of the event were too strong to qualify.

"I honestly don't think the wind helped her at all," Lorek said. "It was a tail wind but usually a wind like that helps bad hurdlers, which just pushes them faster. But with a good hurdler like Hannah, it actually messes up their timing and it can push them to a closer takeoff position than they want. So it can actually be a hindrance. I think she can run just as fast without any wind or faster."

Along with a runner-up finish in the 200-meter dash, Henry picked up her first MIAA Women's Track Athlete of the Week honor on April 10.

The men were equally successful, claiming the team title with a 152-point margin over runner-up Truman State.

Senior Bayo Adio won the individual title with four top-placing performances in the high jump, long jump, triple jump and 100-meter dash.

His 6-9 1/2 in the high jump qualified him for the NCAA Championships in May.

Sophomore Khai Berry also

provisionally qualified for nationals with the country's 10th best time to date in winning the 110-meter hurdles with 14.47. Both Adio and Berry claimed MIAA Athlete of the Week honors for their performances.

Two more Bearcats provisionally qualified in junior Brandon Schoen for the discus and senior Diezies Calbert in the triple jump.

"I was kind of surprised at the quality of performances that we did have considering the weather," Alsop said.

The weather isn't forecasted to be much better as Northwest continues its season this weekend. Lorek will take his four heptathletes to the Division II Challenge at Emporia State on April 12-13 for the second multi-event meet of the year.

Lorek expects nearly 30 athletes from schools across the nation to compete.

"This is the big one," Lorek said. "Our heptathletes are definitely ready for another one. They're looking forward to it and having that first heptathlon is really a great benefit for them."

Both teams will head to Des Moines, Iowa, to compete in the Jim Duncan Invitational on April 14.

The site carries a great deal of meaning in the track world, as the prestigious Drake Relays will be held at the stadium two weeks later.

"It's going to be fun to run in that facility," Lorek said. "Most of our people haven't run in the Drake Relays, so just being at the facility is going to be neat."

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MATT PARKER, a senior graduating from Maryville High School, signs a national letter of intent to play baseball at Northwest. Parker, who plays third base, has won numerous awards including Varsity Rookie of the Year in 2004.

GUESS: Striding to state and keeping the winning streak alive

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The tutelage has paid off as the senior/freshman duo accumulated 54 points during the Nebraska City, Neb., meet, April 3. Guess and Stiens placed in five events, including the high jump, which Hageman said Guess has a strong possibility of making to state.

"Jordan is always pushing me in practice and in meets," Guess said. "I don't think of myself as an upperclassman, but if Jordan looks up to me, I hope I can be a good role model."

And that added pressure could catapult Guess to the next level after making a name for herself during her junior campaign.

During her junior season, Guess started a winning streak while competing in the 100-meter hurdles.

Hageman said this winning streak spanned about eight races giving Guess confidence heading into district competition. Along the winning streak's path, Guess produced the school record in 100

hurdles at 15.85. "She really figured out the technical parts of the events," Hageman said about Guess's junior season performance. "She became explosive, and it helps that she can do a good job of controlling her body."

As the post-season wore on, Guess became the team's only state meet participant. But without any prior state experience, Guess became extremely nervous awaiting her trip to the finish line.

"I just remember being really, really nervous," Guess said. "I didn't know what to expect."

Crouched at the starting spot, the heat began to beat down on the junior as the competition lined next to her sweat-soaked down her face awaiting the start.

But for this junior hurdler the ending came as a disappointment.

Guess finished 15th with a time of 16.99, over a second slower than her record-breaking time set earlier in the season.

"She had no one to share that experience with, but she learned a lot," Hageman said. "She came out even stronger and quicker because of it, though."

Less than a year later, Guess returned to the same event with new experience and her regular season winning streak intact.

The wind chilled the competition as the temperature dipped below 30 on this April evening in Nebraska City. The competition had hoped for an encore state meet performance, but this day once again belonged to Guess.

"It was really windy and cold, but after feeling the adrenaline, I was

able to run well," Guess said. Becoming almost a sure thing, Guess distanced the field with a time of 15.9, only .05 away from her school record in only the season's second meet.

"I am way ahead of where I was last year at this time," Guess said. "I just want to beat that record, now." As to why Guess is so far ahead of her pace last year, Hageman said there's no need to look further than a freshman's second-place finish in Nebraska City.

"I think it would be awesome if (Stiens) and I could go to state together, especially in the same event," Guess said.

The Guess/Stiens combination looks to continue wreaking havoc upon the competition for the duration of the season. But Guess isn't about to surrender her winning streak.

"When you're undefeated for about one or two races, you want to keep winning," Guess said. "So naturally, I don't want to give up that streak."

Jaclyn Guess

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Close to HOME

Habitat for Humanity helps single-mom and her children construct house in Pickering

By Whitney Keyes
Chief Reporter

She had the two children. She had the land. Most importantly she had the faith that she was ready to live on her own as a mother.

All she was missing was the house. "I'm most nervous about living on my own. I've never lived by myself. I know I can do it because I just have faith in myself. If not, I have my friends and family," Pickering resident Melissa Strough said.

Strough was chosen to be the recipient of the 2007 Habitat for Humanity for Nodaway County house. For this 25-year-old woman, it means a chance to move out of her parents' house, into a place of her own, along with her two children.

Along with volunteers and the Habitat board, Strough will build a house in Pickering over the summer. She will also participate in classes regarding topics such as home maintenance or credit building.

Dependent on weather, the Strough family will be ready to move into their new home September 2007.

Back to the Drawing Board Strough is no stranger to the northwest Missouri region. Her childhood days were spent in Pickering, as were her years in junior high. It was in junior high where she became friends with Jeremy Calfee, the first recipient of Nodaway County Habitat house.

"You know how it is in junior high. You 'date' people for a couple of weeks. Well, we dated for a while," Calfee said.

However, she soon separated from both Calfee and the Pickering school system, as she went to Hopkins for high school. Then she met Mike, through friends of friends, and the two started dating. Soon, she became pregnant with Justin, her first son.

"It was hard going through school pregnant with him, some students and even teachers looked down on me because I was so young," Strough said.

At 17, she moved from her parents' house to her boyfriend's mom place, and the three lived together while the couple finished schooling.

Strough's parents stayed supportive the whole time, as her older sisters had done basically the same thing.

Despite the struggles she experienced while trying to graduate while pregnant, she succeeded. In 1999, she gave birth to Justin. The following year, Strough graduated from high school. Having survived high school and child labor, Strough started working full-time at the Kawasaki plant.

"I wanted to go to college, but at the same time, I didn't. So that was fine with me," Strough said.

In 2000, she married high school sweetheart and Justin's father, Mike.

It was a small wedding in a little church close to the Iowa line, with their families and a few friends at the ceremony.

After some time spent raising their son in the northwest region of Missouri, the couple decided to try something new. The three packed their bags, and headed to the Lake of the Ozarks.

However, the family soon came back to Maryville to have their

second child, a daughter named Alexis.

"We rented around when we moved back home and I just told myself I wasn't going to keep doing that to my kids," Strough said. "I just hated moving."

A little over a year after Alexis' birth, though, the couple divorced in April 2006. The divorce was mostly mutual, Strough said, but a little more her decision.

After battling for custody of the children, Melissa had no choice but to ask her parents to let her move back in.

Laying the Foundation Now the three share a bedroom in her parents' house in Pickering. Strough works full time in the office at Laclede Ship-Justin is in kindergarten, Alexis attends a daycare where she is prepped for pre-school.

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It was at Laclede that Strough first heard about Habitat. Former recipients of Habitat houses worked there, as well as the construction manager for the Habitat board, Don Crane. It was Crane that gave Strough the application, and told her to just look over it, and see if she was interested.

Though the first informational meeting wasn't until February 2007, Strough had her application turned in in November 2006.

Rex Brod, the financial manager for the Habitat board, said that Melissa is always willing to go that extra mile for Habitat. "She's so ambitious, an active participant. She asked really good questions," Brod said.

Eight families picked up the application that first meeting, but the family selection committee chose Strough.

On April 23, 2007, the Habitat board and Strough's mother planned to surprise Strough at work with the news. Her boss, who was in on the secret, planned a meeting for noon, and Strough went willingly, and without a clue.

During the middle of the meeting, the Habitat board and her mother paraded in, with balloons, a candy bouquet and a contract for a new house.

"I guess 'amazing' would be the best word for it," Nodaway Habitat president Mike Baumgartner said.

Strough said she was speechless and immediately started crying tears of joy. She had been thinking all sorts of "what if's?" but didn't want to get her hopes up.

After work that day, she went home to her children, and gave Justin a sucker—and said it had a big grin," Strough said.

"His face just lit up into a big grin," Strough said. The excited family of three has already started making plans for their new house. Strough has decided upon the layout, and supplies are being ordered. The board hopes to lay the foundation in May, and begin work in June. Meanwhile, Strough is looking for appliances, furniture and other necessities.

Justin, on the other hand has plans of his own. He wants to decorate his room with a car theme, complete with a car shaped bed.

His main goal though, is to get a pet. Currently, the house is already home to two children, three adults and two dogs, so she kept telling her children to be patient. The first thing the family will do once the house is complete though, is go to the pound.

"I don't know what I'll name it yet. If it's a boy, I have to give it a boy name and if it's a girl, I have to give it a girl name, like Twinkle or Angel," Justin said. All in all, the Stroughs are ready for a change.

Moving On Up She, like Justin, is ready to have her own room again. "I felt like a burden on my parents for so long, but I couldn't save up enough money for a loan," Strough said. "I just want somewhere to have for my own but it's really for my kids."

According to the Habitat board, her family and friends, Strough definitely deserves the house. She is ready to work, ready to learn and is already recruiting her friends and family to help too.

"It's not a house you're given—it's a chance to become a better person, and I can't think of anyone better for it," Calfee said.

Good luck on a successful Greek Week!

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 — You won't have to push other people around to get them to obey your orders. Learn how to develop a righteously admirable command presence.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — People are starting to recognize how important you are. It's nice that they've noticed but don't forget to ask for the financial rewards that are due. Don't feel the least bit guilty.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 — You'll find it easier to take control of the situation for the next several weeks. You're charming and you're lucky, even more than usual.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7 — There's lots of work. Don't feel overwhelmed. Don't try to do it all at once. Set a pace that works for you and nibble away at it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 — Let your opinion be known when you select an assistant. You don't have to agree upon everything, just on your final objectives. Get that part down in writing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 — You're very imaginative now in your work, so don't worry. Even if you've never done this task before, you'll think of a way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 — The truth is revealed, much to your delight. You couldn't be more pleased. A person you think is marvelous feels the same way about you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — A suggestion postulated by a family member or loved one turns out to be just the thing you've been looking for. You see? It pays to be polite and actually listen.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 6 — You're pretty good mechanically, when you're in the mood. You should be really good at it now, so fix a lot of things.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 — Push really hard the next couple of days, and you'll make a bundle. Right about now you could find a good use for a pocketful of bills. Trade off for the bills you already have.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 6 — You're coming up with proofs for concepts that are way out on the edges. Is there a scientific basis for God, or vice versa? You're one of the ones who'll find out.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 — Business is going well the way your routine has been arranged. Now, consider making a few technical improvements. Take your time, and do it right.

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—STROLLER

Your Man drunk dials

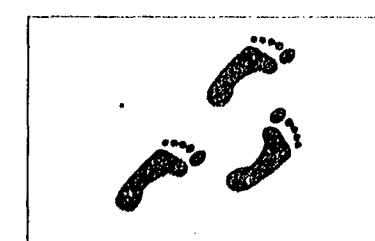
Everyone does it. Stumbling, puking and slurring words, people make a decision at 3 a.m. to call someone.

Drunk dialing is as much a part of college as smoking reef, chugging beer and catching crabs. It's an institution. In the era of cell phones, it's almost become a sport—a sport with different divisions.

The ex-girlfriend/boyfriend And why wouldn't it be? Nothing is funnier than someone proclaiming his love just before screaming and calling their ex-girlfriend a side-winding succubus. I know people who will drunk dial an ex they didn't even like. They will call them up, tell them that they never gave a crap about them, scream nonsense into the phone that no one could possibly understand and then repeat this process 15 times in one night.

The slump buster/sure thing Does everyone know what a slump buster is? If you don't, a slump buster is a girl or guy who below normal screwing standards. You have the basic standards. Hot, pretty, cute, doable and "Oh my god, I thought that was a man."

The sing along My personal favorite, the sing along drunk dial allows the drunkies a chance to show off their amazing singing voices. As if



karaoke night, or the ballads sung while stumbling down the street arm-in-arm with friends weren't enough, some feel the need to call a friend, girlfriend/boyfriend or ex-girlfriend/boyfriend and sing them a horrific cover of "Total Eclipse of the Heart" or "Don't Stop Believin'."

It's even better if they get a duet going. And it shouldn't be that difficult, if there's one thing drunk people love to do...it's sing.

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When you're in a slump...when it seems like you've gone zero for the millennium, you need a slump buster. So you dial them up. Usually, it's a girl or guy in the "Oh my god" category with low self-esteem who's on about 50 cell phones as the slump buster. The bad part is when a sure thing realizes she/he is a sure thing. Then you get shot down again and by the ugliest person you know.

My problem is I've been living off slump busters for so long I'm starting to think I might be their slump buster.

Drunk dialing is not for the weak-hearted. One must be willing to sing, one must be horny, but most importantly, one must be willing to deal with the extremely awkward conversation that comes the next day when someone calls and says, "You called me last night while you were taking a wizz and sang me half of Come Sail Away before passing out."

That's when I would say, "You bet your ass I did, and I got every freakin' word right."

—ADVICE

How to survive the real world

Courtesy of MCT Campus

Entering the real world? Here's some advice on navigating the working world from the book "How to Survive the Real World" (Hundred of Heads Books, www.hundredsofheads.com, \$3.95), straight from people who've done it:

"Don't be afraid to turn down a promotion if it means working for someone who will make your life miserable. I had the opportunity for a promotion that would pay a lot more per hour. I was clearly the best person for the job, but I didn't respect the person I'd be working for, so I turned it down."

Valerie, Southaven, Miss.

"Be in touch with what's going on in the world. You'd be surprised how many conversations you can start with your boss. I had a boss who I didn't have anything in common with and didn't know anything about. Talking about the news gave me ways to stay away from the

less-than-pleasant small talk." James James, Dallas

"The key to keeping a job and advancing in the workplace is doing more than is asked of you and more than is expected of you. Work more hours than the next guy; volunteer to do the jobs that nobody wants to do; ask your boss if you can attend training seminars in your field. All that stuff is priceless. They say that water finds its own level, and it's true. But make sure your level is higher than that of the other people who work with you."

K.F., Canfield, Ohio

"Bosses like the employee who goes the extra mile. For instance, I noticed a glitch in our company's online ordering system and I pointed it out to my boss, who then called the people above him. It turned out that no one had noticed this before. The problem was fixed, and now my boss always mentions it to me. If you see something that could help the business down the

line, take the extra step. Your boss will be glad that you helped him or her look good."

Josh, West Plains, Mo.

"Never leave a current job on bad terms, no matter how bad it is; you never know what will happen later. There were times where I was really frustrated with my job and I could've left it on bad terms. I didn't. The job I have now is because my former boss made a call. Meanwhile, my colleague left on really bad terms and can never use our last firm as a reference again."

Janna, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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—COMIC

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ACROSS

1 Downy subs
7 Verbal sign
11 One of those girls
14 Top-notch
15 Made haste
16 Vietnam's up
17 New York City district
18 J.R.'s missus
20 Totally nonreceptive
22 Hansack
23 Tilt's bed
26 Four-letter word
29 Spit out
30 The man in question
31 Nowzamer
33 Vietnamese holidays
34 Little devil
35 American
36 Mercury founder
37 Looked furiously
38 5 and Chesney
42 Tart fruit
46 Debt reminder
47 Accurate
49 Conan or Pat
50 Blighted tree
51 Fleming and McKellen
52 Consenting votes
53 Inquisitor
54 Buttons
56 Nostalgia
58 Sideshow
62 Get at
66 Face in the mirror
67 Cosmetics
68 Seattle down!
69 H. Ross Perot company
70 Divided avenue

DOWN

1 Word of disgust
2 Lingerie item
3 Scott's propeller
4 Off-the-cuff comment
5 Twix 12 and 20
6 Uniform
7 Being relaxed
8 Comic Costello
9 Metric measure
10 Sootsayer
11 Old British coins
12 Button slit
13 Takes up again
18 Elevator
21 Chamber
23 Wedge shot
24 Coaling of ice
25 Lacking money
26 Fail material
28 Try to rattle a performer
31 Wife of Cronus
32 Mutual assistance network
36 Very sharp
38 Violin
40 Egg part
41 Totals
43 Homer's dad
48 Exemplar of stiffness
49 Bombed from the air, British style
55 Hefty slice
57 Try to outrun
58 PC image
60 Unwieldy
61 Oct. follower
63 Actor Wallace
64 Poise
65 Pig's dogs

Solutions

ACROSS: 1. Downy subs, 7. Verbal sign, 11. One of those girls, 14. Top-notch, 15. Made haste, 16. Vietnam's up, 17. New York City district, 18. J.R.'s missus, 20. Totally nonreceptive, 22. Hansack, 23. Tilt's bed, 26. Four-letter word, 29. Spit out, 30. The man in question, 31. Nowzamer, 33. Vietnamese holidays, 34. Little devil, 35. American, 36. Mercury founder, 37. Looked furiously, 38. 5 and Chesney, 42. Tart fruit, 46. Debt reminder, 47. Accurate, 49. Conan or Pat, 50. Blighted tree, 51. Fleming and McKellen, 52. Consenting votes, 53. Inquisitor, 54. Buttons, 56. Nostalgia, 58. Sideshow, 62. Get at, 66. Face in the mirror, 67. Cosmetics, 68. Seattle down!, 69. H. Ross Perot company, 70. Divided avenue.

DOWN: 1. Word of disgust, 2. Lingerie item, 3. Scott's propeller, 4. Off-the-cuff comment, 5. Twix 12 and 20, 6. Uniform, 7. Being relaxed, 8. Comic Costello, 9. Metric measure, 10. Sootsayer, 11. Old British coins, 12. Button slit, 13. Takes up again, 18. Elevator, 21. Chamber, 23. Wedge shot, 24. Coaling of ice, 25. Lacking money, 26. Fail material, 28. Try to rattle a performer, 31. Wife of Cronus, 32. Mutual assistance network, 36. Very sharp, 38. Violin, 40. Egg part, 41. Totals, 43. Homer's dad, 48. Exemplar of stiffness, 49. Bombed from the air, British style, 55. Hefty slice, 57. Try to outrun, 58. PC image, 60. Unwieldy, 61. Oct. follower, 63. Actor Wallace, 64. Poise, 65. Pig's dogs.

—COMIC

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CHAZ BAKER (left) is
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Purcell (right) at the end of
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